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Group Art Unit 1731

In re application of

Kiyotaka MIURA et al.

Serial No. 09/600,195

Filed July 12, 2000

Examiner James H. Derrington

**METHOD OF SELECTIVELY
REFORMING AN INNER PART OF
AN INORGANIC BODY AND AN
INORGANIC BODY HAVING A
SELECTIVELY REFORMED
INNER PART**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
February 1, 2002

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 & 372

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

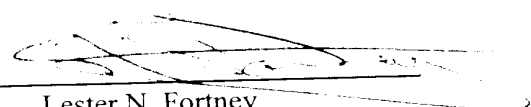
In the Office communication dated January 14, 2002, the Examiner required an election between Group I (claims 8-13 drawn to a process) and Group II (claims 14-21 drawn to a product).

In response, Applicants hereby reaffirm the prior oral election made October 12, 2001 of Group I (claims 8-13), with traverse. Applicants believe a search with respect to claims 8-13 (Group I) would be coextensive with a search directed to claims 14-21 (Group II) and, therefore, would not cause any undue burden on the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of claims 8-21.

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